

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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Present: Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Darrell Burkhalter; Peter Lloyd; Rich Phillips

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Offer by Jim Barlow to provide training; Notice of a highway grant pilot project

**Public Comment:** Darrell Burkhalter spoke to the Board about his and Lloyd's Plumbing's efforts to have a business at his residence. He stated that at the hearing on the appeal of the Zoning Administrator's decision, the DRB did not allow him or Peter Lloyd to testify, even though Darrell is the landowner and Peter is the business owner. He feels that the decision was made without proper procedure or testimony. He feels that the DRB did not treat the Zoning Administrator very well, and the hearing did not address the issue of whether the business qualifies as a home occupation, but was instead a procedural spanking of the Zoning Administrator. They feel that the town plan was not adhered to, because the DRB is trying to prevent commerce in the Village. Darrell stated that the livelihoods of 10 families have been adversely affected due to the wishes of one family, while the rest of the neighbors and the Road Foreman do not believe there was any adverse impact. He feels that the DRB is following an anti-commercial bias. Peter had to move his family out of his house and move his office into his house, over the course of a weekend, or face a \$100 per day fine, because the one annoyed neighbor complained. Peter wasn't given adequate notice to move, but the neighbor kept calling the Zoning Administrator so the ZA had to order Peter to leave in order to stop the phone calls. The issue of whether the office could stay at Darrell's property as a home occupation was never answered, but he had to leave anyway. Peter feels that he could take the case to the courts and win, but it was easier to pay \$17 for a permit in Cabot and move his business there. He feels that the application was mishandled and the neighbor should have proved adverse effect, rather than the DRB just listening to their opinion. Darrell also stated that Lincoln Earle-Centers has trespassed on his property, and refused to leave even when asked to leave. They are not asking the Selectboard to do anything, but they want the Selectboard to be aware that they don't feel that the DRB is operating properly and without bias against commercial activity, and not following the town plan.

**Generator project:** The Selectboard and Rich reviewed the request for proposal for the generator. It will be issued this week and bids will be due July 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Bus Stop:** Rich is researching the best materials for a sign for the bus shelter, and he has been working with the State to get them to finish staining the shelter.

**Review and Approval of Minutes:** The Selectboard approved the minutes of May 6, May 9 and May 23.

**Records Retention Policy:** approved

**Local Emergency Operations Plan:** approved

**Vandalism at the Old Schoolhouse Common:** Bobbi reported that another vehicle was vandalized in the parking lot. She gave the surveillance videos to the State police and they are investigating. The Board discussed additional lighting in the parking area.

**Winter Sand:** The Board received a bid from Gravel Construction for \$7.00 per yard for sand, and from Jim Paradee for \$7.00 per yard for hauling. The Board accepted the bids.

**Central Vermont Humane Society:** The Board executed a contract for stray cats.

**Delinquent Tax Sale:** The Board approved hiring Carolyn Greaves to do a tax sale for the Town.

**Fire Department Grant:** The Fire Department received a grant in the amount of \$3,000 to modify the dry hydrant at Twinfield Union School. The remaining \$1,000 for the project will come out of the Ed Duke fund.

**Pyne Fines:** The Town received \$1,527.42 as partial payment. The judgement remains in effect for the remainder of the fine.

**Emergency Services:** Chris set up a meeting with the East Montpelier Fire Chief to discuss ambulance services.

**Roads Grant:** The State Department of Environmental Conservation has grants available to help Towns with projects to bring roads up to the standards required in the forthcoming Municipal Roads General Permit. Marshfield is eligible for \$7,500. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission will provide technical support if the town chooses to participate in the program. Chris will talk to Regional Planning to get more information.

**Training:** James Barlow will conduct a training for Boards and Commissions about the open meeting law, on August 1st.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. The approved a curb cut permit for Chaz Barberi and Silene Thivierge.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the June 6, 2016 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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